



RODENT PROTOCOL CHECKLIST

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Visit Four: Basic rodent protocol for all households

Education

- ☐ The urine (and perhaps hair) of mice and rats (rodents) can make asthma worse. They contain allergens that can cause or trigger asthma.
- ☐ Rodents are a persistent problem for Garden Communities and may be found in other housing throughout Seattle.
- ☐ Rodents, especially mice, are found in homes more often during colder months, when they come inside to stay warm.
- ☐ Preventing the rodents from entering the home is the best way to reduce exposure to rodent allergens.



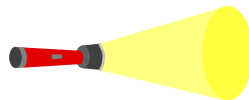
Assessment

- ☐ Review information from baseline interview.
- ☐ Ask clients if they have seen any evidence of rodent activity. If present, record in tracking system (a101).
- ☐ Look for evidence of rodent activity (e.g. droppings in crawl spaces, under sinks). If present, record in tracking system (a101).



Supplies

- ☐ Flashlight for CHES use



Referrals

- ☐ None

Rodent Eradication Protocol For Household with Rodent Activity

Only homes with observed or reported rodent activity will use this protocol.

Education

Store food in sealed containers.

Keep garbage in closed containers.

Clean dishes up after use or place them in soapy water.

Remove food that spills on the kitchen floor or counters immediately.

Clean up food crumbs or spills in other rooms (e.g. family room or around television) should also be addressed.



Remove rodent indoor hiding places (such as empty boxes, cans, bottles, bags, newspapers)
Remove outdoor rodent hiding and nesting places by cutting back bushes and removing yard debris. Rats often like to hide in ivy.
Eliminate outdoor rodent attractants such as open garbage or compost storage, food debris, pet dung.

CHES will work with residents to address indoor measures. In the case of tenants, outdoor measures will need to be addressed by landlords. The resident will ask the landlord to make the necessary changes. The CHES will provide the resident with a support letter if the tenant so desires.

Rodent Eradication Activities

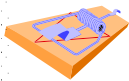
Measures to prevent rodents from entering the house are the second important part of the plan to eliminate exposure to rodents.

CHES will assist residents take action to exclude rodents from the home:

- Install door sweeps or door shoes to block gaps at the bottom of doors after obtaining permission from landlord.
- Plug holes or gaps greater than 0.25 inch diameter between construction materials and pipes using clean steel wool or other appropriate materials.
- Install screens on vents which provide entry into the home (e.g. dryer vents, fan vents).

For tenants, some exclusion activities will also require assistance from landlords, such as repair of large gaps and holes, repair of broken sewer pipes, and installation of screening. The resident will ask the landlord to make the necessary changes. The CHES will provide the resident with a support letter if the tenant so desires.

CHES will instruct residents on how to trap rodents:



Use glue boards in accessible areas and snap traps in crawl spaces or other areas inaccessible to children.

Where high activity areas are known, 5-10 traps should be deployed. Place traps in a row such that the rodent can't jump over the traps (3 traps within 1 foot) .

Where activity is not well known, traps can be spaced 10-20 ft. apart along suspected runways.

Place traps perpendicular to the wall, with trigger against the wall.

Apply bait such as peanut butter.

Upon retrieval, traps should be handled with gloves, sealed in plastic bags and disposed of in sealed garbage cans.



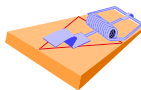
In cases of extreme infestation, where the above methods fail, CHES should consult with the project coordinator about obtaining help from a pest consultant.

Supplies

- ☐ Steel wool



- ☐ Door sweeps, screws, screwdriver, drill
- ☐ Vent screens
- ☐ Glue traps
- ☐ Snap traps



Referrals

- ☐ Landlord as indicated
- ☐ Pest consultant as indicated

Visit Five: follow-up for homes with rodents

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If rodents still present, review protocol above. If it has been successfully implemented, discuss referral to pest consultant with project coordinator.

Visit Seven: follow-up for homes with rodents

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If rodents still present, review protocol above. If it has been successfully implemented, discuss referral to pest consultant with project coordinator.

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